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SUBJECT: GARRISON DIVERSION - PRESS REACTION

1. MORNING PRESS HAS CARRIED STORY ON PLANS TO CONTINUE WITH A MODIFIED GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT. BOTH TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL AND MONTREAL GAZETTE CARRIED STORY ON INNER PAGES WITH FORMER EMPHASIZING THAT MANITOBA WATERWAYS MAY STILL BE THREATENED, WHILE GAZETTE EMPHASIZED US POSITION THAT CANADIAN CONCERNS WERE BEING FULLY TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

2. GLOBE AND MAIL STORY HEADLINED "THREAT TO MANITOBA WATERWAYS - CARTER'S GARRISON PLANS MAY NOT END DANGER." ARTICLE STATES THAT "PLANS TO MODIFY THE CONTROVERSIAL GARRISON DAM...WILL NOT ELIMINATE THE DANGER OF POLLUTION IN MANITOBA'S WATERWAYS, ACCORDING TO US ENVIRONMENTALISTS." ARTICLE DESCRIBES MODIFICATIONS AND CITES US OFFICIALS AS SAYING THAT THE MODIFICATIONS GO MORE THAN HALFWAY TO MEETING CANADA'S REPEATED OBJECTIONS TO GARRISON. HOWEVER, IT ALSO CITES ONE US OFFICIAL AS STATING "THAT THE REVISED PLAN FOR GARRISON DOES NOT MEET THE FINDINGS OF A STUDY COMPLETED LAST YEAR."

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3. MONTREAL GAZETTE ENTITLED ITS ARTICLE "GARRISON NO LONGER A THREAT AFTER CUTBACKS, US CLAIMS". ARTICLE STRESSES THAT "IN THE US VIEW" THE PROJECT NO LONGER POSES A THREAT TO MANITOBA.

4. BOTH ARTICLES REPORT PRESS RELEASE BY DEPARTMENT OF

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IN OTTAWA WHICH ASSERTS THAT IN ITS  
VIEW "...THE US IS LIVING UP TO PAST PLEDGES AND WILL  
UNDERTAKE NO CONSTRUCTION OF WORKS IN THE PROJECT  
POTENTIALLY AFFECTING WATERS INTO CANADA UNTIL IT IS  
CLEAR ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1909 BOUNDARY WATERS  
TREATY ARE MET." DUEMLING

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